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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### Terror Tuesday

The Alamo Drafthouse is showcasing The “Toolbox Murders” as part of their weekly Terror Tuesday special. Actor Cameron Mitchell stars as a toolbox murdering landlord who may appear harmless on the outside but soon after is pierce a guys torso with a screwdriver. The horror starts at 10:15 p.m. with an admission of \$1.

#### Emotions in Decision Making

Professor of Marketing Raj Raghunathan presents a talk about the role of emotions versus rationality in our choices and decisions. The lecture begins at 5 p.m. in the University Teaching Center (UTC) 3.1222

#### Student Budget Workshop

Learn how to create and use a daily budget, save money, maintain and grow a savings account and build credit for the college lifestyle. The workshop begins at 4 p.m. in Waggener Hall (WAG) 420.

#### ECE presents special keynoter

The Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering presents a seminar with Dr. Ian Galton titled “Enhancement Techniques for Fractional-N PLL Frequency Synthesizers.” The seminar will be held in NHB 1.720 at 11 a.m.

### On the web:

Check out what pranks websites pulled for April Fool’s Day.



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### Quote to note

I just wasn’t feeling comfortable in the box, I talked to the coaches and worked on a lot of things by myself, and I just tried to get back into the swing of things. And right now it’s feeling pretty good.

— **Tim Maitland**  
center fielder

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# University shifts orientation focus to academics

By Megan Strickland  
Daily Texan Staff

With two months until the class of 2016 begins arriving on campus to register for their freshman classes, University officials announced Monday a significant shift toward focus on academics for undergraduate orientation this summer.

University President William

Powers Jr. said the increasing emphasis on academics will include making sure students know different pathways to graduation, to reduce the number of students who take more than four years to graduate. No specific programs have been finalized.

“Any time you are on a journey you have to actually sit down and think ‘Were is it I want to go?’” Powers said.

“Look at the map and think, ‘OK, so if I want to get to Boston there are a number of ways to get there, but I ought to start out heading out somewhere Northeast.’ You have a lot of students who get to their sophomore year and will report, ‘I started west on I-10, rather than northeast. So we are trying to get people off to a good start [so they] think about what these pathways are.”

Powers said graduating in four years is something parents expect, and without doing so students and parents spend more on tuition, living expenses, and face the additional cost of lost income caused by late entry into the workforce.

Powers said new students will still be able to experience the richness and diversity of opportunities for campus involvement as well as learning the

ins and outs of living on their own while becoming oriented.

“What goes on outside the classroom is a major part of what I call the overall education of students, whether they are working for The Daily Texan, or Student Government or a political religious student organization,” Powers said. “That’s a very

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Pu Ying Huang | Daily Texan Staff

Mark Kelly, astronaut and husband of former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, center, speaks at a reception after his lecture presented at the Lady Bird Johnson auditorium Monday evening.

# Astronaut gives inspiration

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis  
Daily Texan Staff

Students who want to become effective leaders need to have a drive to succeed and the ability to overcome hardship, said renowned former American astronaut and United States Navy Capt. Mark Kelly in a lecture Monday evening.

Kelly is a noted American astronaut and naval aviator who retired in

June 2011. He is well known for having commanded several shuttle missions, including Space Shuttles Endeavour and Discovery, and has the distinction of being one of only two people in the world to have visited the International Space Station four times. He is the husband of former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was the victim of an assassination attempt in January 2011, leaving

her in recovery for more than eight months. UT is the first University in Texas to host Kelly as a speaker.

Kelly gave a lecture titled “Endeavour to Succeed” as part of the Student Endowed Centennial Lecture-ship, which brings prominent speakers to the University each year and is funded by students through an optional \$2 donation during the registration process.

Kelly spoke about his early struggles in flight school and said he refused to let his failure to excel allow him to falter in achieving his ultimate goal of becoming an astronaut. Kelly said his drive to succeed was the key to his accomplishments later in life.

“I was not a particularly good pilot,” Kelly said. “I really, really

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# UT aids in migrant education

By Samuel Liebl  
Daily Texan Staff

With UT’s help, some migrant students follow both the harvest and their academic dreams.

The University’s Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program, a service provided by the K-16 Education Center, marked its 25th year on Monday with a ceremony honoring 40 high school migrant students who completed distance learning courses through the program, said Linda L. Glessner, executive director of the department of Continuing and

Innovative education. “For 25 years, renewed by eight commissioners of education, from the Reagan administration to the Obama administration, this program has not changed,” Glessner said. “Leaders have come and gone, but the program remains solid.”

During its quarter century of operation, the program has enrolled more than 26,000 students, many of whom have gone on to attend college, Glessner said.

One of those students was Jessica

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Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Ajnes Aguilar (right) applauds during a ceremony honoring students of UT’s Migrant Student Graduation Enhancement Program on Monday.



UT alumna Beth Ferguson performs maintenance on the solar charging station outside of the Perry-Castañeda Library. Ferguson founded The Sol Design Lab that installed the solar power charging station.

Gabriella Belzer  
Daily Texan Staff

# Texas alumna establishes solar charger

By Sylvia Butanda  
Daily Texan Staff

Students on campus can now charge their electrical devices outside using solar energy without the hassle of trying to find an electrical outlet in or around a campus building.

The Sol Design Lab, founded by UT alumna Beth Ferguson, recently installed a solar power charging station in front of Perry-Castañeda Library for students to charge any electrical device, from a laptop to an electric scooter, in a sustainable manner. The

idea to install the station was first proposed by three students to the Green Fee Committee, which funds environmental projects on campus, including the solar station.

This is the third solar station in Austin. The other two are located in East Austin and the South Congress area.

Ferguson said she got the idea for the solar station when she purchased an electric scooter as a graduate student.

“I had no place to charge it, and that’s when I had idea that UT could have a solar charging station,”

Ferguson said.

In addition to designing the solar station to look like an old-fashioned gas pump station, Ferguson said she wanted the station to be conveniently structured for students.

“There are lots of students who use the outlets in the hallways where there aren’t tables or chairs, so I decided to add chairs and tables to my design along with the bike rack,” Ferguson said.

Environmental science senior Eric

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Red Bull buddies.

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Autism affects different people in different ways. It impacts the way peoples' brains process information, and it commonly causes challenges with social interaction.

Schirber said she was motivated to get involved with Autism Speaks U because her sister has been diagnosed on the autism spectrum.

"Autism Speaks U is new UT organization that tries to work with kids and families of those affected with autism," Schirber said. "We also place a large focus on awareness, because people should learn to be more accepting of those with autism."

This event was held to serve

as an outlet for everyone to come and learn about autism, said Doris Kisel, Autism Speaks U president and communication science and disorders junior.

"Many people can recognize autism as a disorder, but most do not know what autism actually is or the effects of it on children and their families," Kisel said.

At the event, members answered questions and clarified any misconceptions about people affected by autism, and people sold items associated with Light Up Blue, a national movement for autism awareness.

"We sold bracelets, lights and pins that are all tied with the movement," Kisel said. "[Each night this month] we will all light up and shine with blue light to stand with the millions affected with autism."

Nolan Brand, Tau Kappa Ep-



Lark Kwan Choi, UT Austin student, talks to Autism Speaks U members at the Autism Block Party. The event raised attention for the genetic disability during Autism Awareness month.

Shannon Kintner  
Daily Texan Staff

silon's philanthropic chair and mathematics sophomore, said he believes it is extremely important for them to be involved

in the community and to help out with causes like this.

"Autism is one of the biggest disorders out there today,"

Brand said. "It is essential for people to realize this is prevalent, and I hope people took this opportunity to learn."

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struggled and had a hard time with learning how to fly an airplane. But I stuck with it, and later realized that how good you are at the beginning of anything you try is not a good indicator of how good you can become. I'm a prime example of someone who was able to overcome a lack of aptitude with practice, persistence and the drive to never ever give up."

Kelly spoke about his family's experiences during his wife's recovery af-

ter she was shot in Tucson, Ariz. Giffords suffered a bullet wound to the head and had to undergo several surgeries as well as months of physical therapy before being able to return to Washington, Kelly said. He said his wife's dedication to her recovery was an enormous inspiration.

"It's been an incredible experience for me over the last four months to see the power of the human spirit — to see someone who was first able to fight so hard to survive, and then to fight so hard to recover," Kelly said. "She reminds me each and every day to deny the acceptance of failure."

Kelly's experiences with overcom-

ing difficulty in his own career as well as facing adversity during Giffords' recovery made him a perfect candidate to reach out to students, said Michael Morton, chair of the Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship.

"He's a great example of leadership in America today and he's a name that people recognize," Morton said. "He can really speak to various levels of leadership and how to deal with different issues in your life."

Students are more than capable of having the drive and energy necessary to becoming effective decision-makers and leaders with enough time and patience, Kelly said.

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Reyna of La Joya, Texas. Along with Eric Guajardo of Alamo, Texas, Reyna received one of two Student of the Year awards. She thanked the University in her acceptance speech.

"It's good to know that people like you care for people like us," Reyna, who plans to become a medical doctor, said. "I would like to say to the committee that chose me for this award, that I will not disappoint you. I hope you end up in my office someday."

Jesus Diaz-Wever, a public school educator from Eagle Pass, Texas, said the program and the opportunity to spend a day on campus were both crucial to the academic success of the migrant students present.

"This is a big experience for [the students]," he said. "The idea is that

they get the feeling of being at a university and a taste of what college life is. We tell them that high school is not the end."

Diaz-Wever said migrant workers and their children are a big part of the community of Eagle Pass, which is near the U.S.-Mexico border. Of the approximately 2,000 students who attend Eagle Pass High School, about 80 migrate with their families each year, he said.

"They return in October or November and leave in April or the first week of May," he said. "They head north to Minnesota, Washington, Wisconsin, some to Florida, others to Utah. They work in beets, onions and canning factories of all kinds."

Glessner said the students' parents should be proud of their children's ability to succeed under strenuous circumstances.

"You've heard the saying, 'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade,'" she said. "These students know what this is about."

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Swanson, one of the three students who proposed the solar station's installation, said he wants to raise awareness about solar energy on campus and how it is great renewable source.

"We already have solar panels on a couple of roofs here on campus, but nothing that students can actually see and interact with," Swanson said. "We placed it in front of the PCL because that area gets a lot of traffic, and the pump can also be moved around campus for certain events, such as football games."

Swanson said the proposal also includes a plan to create an interdisciplinary course where students can design and build their own solar powered charging stations.

"It's still in the works and probably won't be implemented for a couple more years," Swanson said. "However, we want to let students know that

if this is something that they're interested in, there is an option to learn more about solar energy and how it affects campus."

The \$5 green fee started in fall 2011 and will continue to be collected with each student's tuition at the beginning of each semester until summer 2016, said Karen Blaney, sustainability operations assistant manager at the Office of Campus Planning and Facilities Management.

"Here on campus, students do have the power to show the school what their priorities are," Blaney said. "The Green Fee Program comes into place to do that in the area of sustainability and the environment"

Pre-nursing freshman Marlene Archila said she likes studying outside, so having somewhere where she can plug in her electrical devices outdoors has its benefits.

"I think you can kill two birds with one stone because [the solar station] is convenient and it's good for the environment," Archila said.

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important part of being integrated onto the campus. It doesn't mean

all that needs to be done in the first three or four days at orientation. It's not that these other things aren't important, it's just a question of when to introduce them."

Marc Musick, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been assigned to oversee the office of New Student Services to

implement changes to orientation that emphasize academics and improving graduation rates. Musick said while no specific programs have been designed for orientation to emphasize academics, he remained optimistic the work would be done in time for orientation's start in June.

"I have already had conversations with the New Student Services staff and others around the University about the new direction and have been impressed with everyone's willingness to work together to succeed in this challenging endeavor," Musick said. "Meeting the goals that the president put before the University will be difficult, but with the help of students, staff and faculty across the University, I'm convinced we can get there."

Knowing how to best utilize resources to graduate on time is something Ashleigh Fuller, West Sabine High School senior and soon-to-be UT freshman, said she expects to learn during orientation.

"I don't want to take extra unnecessary classes," Fuller said. "I don't want to waste time and money on something I don't need, especially when I'm planning to get my undergraduate degree and then start a pharmacy degree."

UT nursing student suffers fatal boating accident

A UT nursing senior from Austin was killed last weekend in the first boating fatality on Lake Travis this year.

Quynh Pham, 21, was riding on a pontoon boat with members of her family, when she fell from the front at about 5:30 on Sunday afternoon according to Jennifer Glynn Schlattle spokeswoman for the Lower Colorado River Authority. Pham was pronounced dead after EMS officials responded to the scene.

"They were pulling a tube behind the boat. When the operator turned to look at it, the boat hit a wave and [Pham] fell overboard," Glynn Schlattle said.

There were twelve people on the boat celebrating a family birthday party at the time of the accident.

"No alcohol or drugs were a factor in the accident and charges will not be filed," Glynn Schlattle said.

She said Park Rangers headed the investigation of the accident and representatives of the LCRA responded to the scene with EMS officials.

— Sarah White

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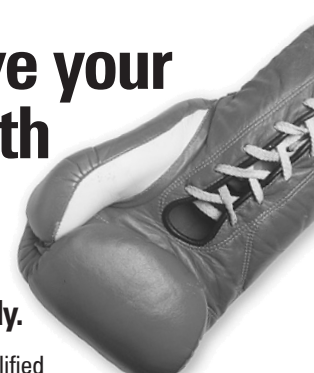
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## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Shooter kills six, injures four at Christian college in California

OAKLAND, Calif. — A gunman opened fire at a Christian university in California Monday, killing at least six people and wounding three more, authorities said. Police say they have a suspect in custody.

The shooting erupted around midmorning at Oikos University in Oakland and left six dead, according to City Council President Larry Reid, who says he was told the count by the police chief.

Officer Johnna Watson did not give any other details about the detained suspect. Four victims arrived at Highland Hospital for treatment, said spokeswoman Jerri Randrup.

### One World Trade Center rises to taller than before at 100 stories

NEW YORK — The new World Trade Center has reached a milestone: The skyscraper being built to replace the terror-wrecked twin towers is now 100 stories high — on its way to becoming New York's tallest building.

Another four feet, and it will surpass the Empire State Building. That should happen within weeks, Steven Coleman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey said Monday.

One World Trade Center is expected to be finished by next year, its 104 floors towering over lower Manhattan.

### Moscow firefighters fight fire in tallest future building in Europe

MOSCOW — Firefighting helicopters are trying to put out a spectacular blaze atop an under-construction Moscow skyscraper, planned to be Europe's tallest building. Orange flames were leaping about 880 feet Monday, visible in the night sky to much of the city.

No injuries have been reported at the fire in the eastern tower of the Federation Tower complex, part of a massive development along the Moscow River. The tower, when completed, is to be 1150 feet tall.

### Court rules for strip searches of anyone arrested for any offense

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has ruled that jailers may subject people arrested for minor offenses to invasive strip searches, siding with security needs over privacy rights.

By a 5-4 vote Monday, the court ruled against a New Jersey man who complained that strip searches in two county jails violated his civil rights.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion for the court's conservative justices that when people are going to be put into the general jail population, "courts must defer to the judgment of correctional officials unless the record contains substantial evidence showing their policies are an unnecessary or unjustified response."

Albert Florence was forced to undress and submit to strip searches following his arrest on a warrant for an unpaid fine, though the fine actually had been paid. Even if the warrant had been valid, failure to pay a fine is not a crime in New Jersey.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Argentina still wants Falklands 30 years after war

By Brian Hendrie  
The Associated Press

USHUAIA, Argentina — Argentina's president said Monday that she's asked the International Red Cross to persuade Britain to let its DNA experts identify unknown soldiers buried in the Falkland Islands.

Thirty years after Argentina and Britain went to war over the remote South Atlantic archipelago, Cristina Fernandez says universal human rights demand that both countries work together to give those remains back to their families.

Her much-anticipated speech on the anniversary of Argentina's April 2, 1982 invasion of the islands was focused on promoting dialogue and understanding. She said her government sets a global standard for protecting human rights and vowed to "respect the interests of the islanders" as Argentina seeks to peacefully regain control.

"We don't have war drums, nor do we wear military helmets. Our only helmets are those of construction workers, working for the inclusion of all," she said at the city's Monument to the Fallen, honoring the 649



Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez tosses carnations into the Beagle Channel at a ceremony marking the 30th anniversary of the start of the Falkland conflict near the war memorial in Ushuaia, Argentina on Monday.

Natacha Pisarenko  
Associated Press

Argentines who died in the conflict.

Despite attention-grabbing images of protesters burning a Union Jack flag outside the British embassy, polls show zero appetite among

Argentines for a military solution.

Argentina has closed off shipping routes and air space. Unions have refused to unload British cargo or accept British-flagged cruise

ships. Fernandez's ministers have sought to close off British imports, sue British investors and banks, and block oil development.

"Thirty years and now we find it

again, we are worried we are going to go through it all again, another invasion," islander Mary Lou Agman said at a Sunday march by the small Falkland Islands Defense Force.

## Plagiarism forces president of Hungary to step down

By Pablo Gorandi  
The Associated Press

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Hungarian President Pal Schmitt resigned Monday because of a plagiarism scandal regarding a doctoral dissertation he had written 20 years ago on the Olympics.

Schmitt, who was elected to his largely ceremonial office in 2010 for a five-year term, told Parliament he was stepping down because the controversy over his dissertation was dividing Hungary.

"When my personal issue divides my beloved nation instead of uniting it, I feel it to be my personal duty to finish my service and resign," Schmitt said, drawing applause and cheers from opposition lawmakers. "I ask God's blessing for Hungary and for your work."

Schmitt, 69, then quickly left the chamber accompanied by Prime Minister Viktor Orban as lawmakers from the governing parties — Orban's Fidesz and the Christian Democrats — gave him a standing ovation.

Parliament later voted 338-5, with six abstentions, to accept Schmitt's resignation.

Last week, Schmitt's 1992 doctorate from Semmelweis University was revoked after a university committee found that most of his thesis about the modern Olympic Games had been copied from two other authors.

The International Olympic Committee said Monday it would review the case and decide whether any action is needed against Schmitt, who has been an IOC member since 1983. Schmitt, who won gold medals at the 1968 and 1972 Olympics for fencing, could face IOC sanctions for tarnishing

the Olympic movement.

Hungary's governing coalition said it would hold talks with the three other parliamentary parties to find a successor. Speaker Laszlo Kover will replace Schmitt until a new president is elected by lawmakers in the next 30 days.

Schmitt's resignation — a day after he told state radio he would not step down — comes at a turbulent time in Hungarian politics. Orban, who had made his name by protesting Hungary's communist dictatorship, is now being criticized for pushing the Eastern European nation toward centralized rule.

The European Union, which Hungary joined in 2004, has launched legal proceedings against Hungary because it believes that Orban's coalition, which has an unassailable two-thirds majority in Parliament, is compromising democratic principles such as the independence of the central bank and judiciary with new laws.

During most of his speech Monday, Schmitt defended his doctorate and said he would appeal its revocation at the university and, if needed, in the courts.

"This is a matter of honor, and my conscience is clear," Schmitt said, adding that he was the victim of a political attack. He said would write a new doctoral dissertation about the relationship between sports and environmental protection.

Schmitt is the first Hungarian president to resign since the end of communism in 1990. Socialist Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany resigned in 2009, a few months after Hungary received a \$26.6 billion bailout from the IMF.

## AMERICA'S FIRST POT COLLEGE RAIDED



U.S. marshals stand at the entrance of Oaksterdam University in Oakland, Calif. on Monday. The federal agents raided the medical marijuana training school at the heart of California's pot legalization movement.

According to its website, the college offers mostly seminar classes on growing marijuana, but also classes on advocacy, law, economics and agriculture that ties to marijuana.

It claims thousands of students have enrolled at Oaksterdam since it was founded in 2007.

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Associated Press

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VIEWPOINT

# Finding the way to a VPSA

The season started long ago, the stakes as high as ever. The month of March embraced the nationwide competition and whittled the field of more than 64 down to the Final Four. Now we wait to crown a winner.

While the search for the University’s next vice president for student affairs lacks the sky-high television ratings, intractable school pride and betting pools as high as G.D.P.s of small countries surrounding Monday’s game between Kansas and Kentucky and tonight’s matchup between Baylor and Notre Dame, UT students have plenty of reasons to pay attention.

The Daily Texan obtained a list of the finalists for the position last month, and the search committee, composed of faculty, administrators and students, released the list to the public last week. The finalists, selected from a pool of 77 applicants, will all hold individual open forums. The first forum will take place today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Main 212 and will feature Christopher Miller from Marquette University.

The other finalists are Ajay Nair from the University of Pennsylvania, Francisco Hernandez from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Gage Paine from UT-San Antonio.

The tentacles of the vice president for student affairs reach dozens of entities across campus ranging from Student Government to Gregory Gym and from Kinsolving Dining to, yes, even The Daily Texan. The position opened up after Juan Gonzalez, the current vice president, announced that he will return to teaching in July. His move, despite valiant efforts by the University’s public relations staff, was hardly interpreted as a promotion in what has been a less-than-lustrous tenure for Gonzalez.

Part of Gonzalez’s legacy will be tarnished by how he handled the near-closing of the iconic Cactus Cafe. Though not his decision, Gonzalez’s part in controlling the fallout contributed to the damage spiraling out of control, perhaps exemplified by an embarrassing interview with the Austin Chronicle titled, “Juan Gonzalez answers to no one.”

There are also lingering questions after Gary Borders, former director of Texas Student Media (TSM), said that Gonzalez forced him to resign in February. Kevin Hegarty, executive vice president and chief financial officer who was put in charge of managing the controversy, said there was a “flat-out failure in communication” between the TSM Board of Trustees and the Office of Student Affairs, according to The Daily Texan.

But Gonzalez’s tenure also included the construction of the Student Activity Center and the Almetris Duren Residence Hall. His prioritization of health and wellness programs in the face of University-wide budget cuts in early 2010 proved to be vital when mental health came into the spotlight after a student died by suicide in the PCL later that year.

Ultimately, the new vice president for student affairs will have his or her efforts guided by the Division of Student Affairs’ Strategic Plan 2011-2014, which was released in August. The top two strategic goals outlined in the plan are to enhance the first-year transition and to improve student progress from enrollment to graduation.

The push for increasing four-year graduation rates will be a defining feature of the next few years at the University. Administrators know very well that increasing graduation rates goes far beyond a simple academic problem. It encompasses social, cultural and financial realms as well. The vice president of student affairs position will be charged with overseeing the non-classroom components to make the target a reality. It’s no wonder that the position’s Final Four all spoke explicitly about supporting and enhancing the academic mission of the University in their interviews with The Daily Texan.

Students have an opportunity to influence the University’s hiring process, as the finalists will hold their open forums throughout this month. Getting a return on a March Madness bracket investment is somewhat out of our control, but students have a much more active role to play in the vice president for student affairs selection process.

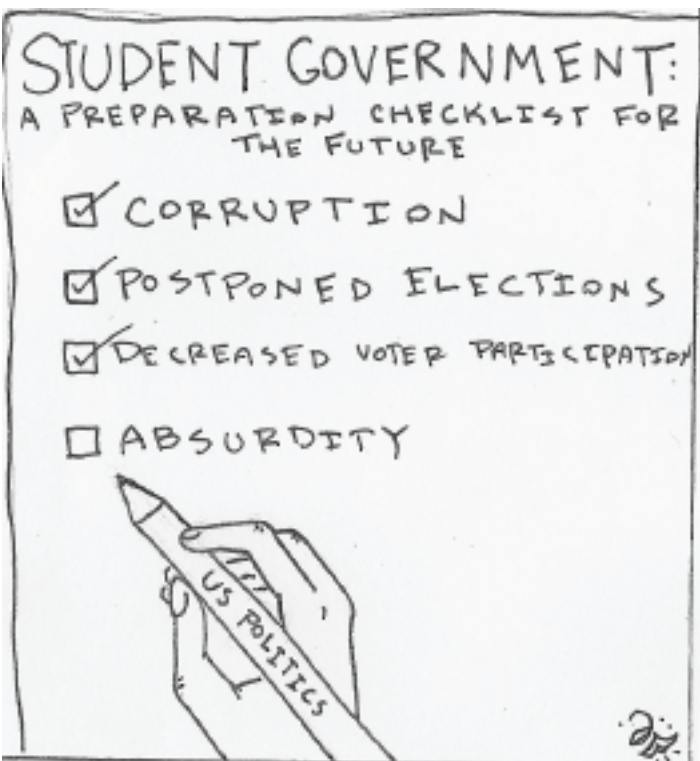


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# Pushing the boundaries of campus culture



By Drew Finke  
Daily Texan Columnist

Winston Churchill said that “We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us.” A university that contributes so much to the local and global cultural dialogue should not ignore the reciprocal relationship between culture and architecture. Buildings and landscape are not merely passive spaces in which to perform activities. The way a building or outdoor area is designed influences the attitudes of the people who inhabit it.

While many of the newly constructed buildings on campus are models of responsible architectural design, they fail to excite a passion for change or to stimulate a dialogue about our evolving physical environment. Every building on campus need not serve as an architectural revelation, but buildings that inspire students to reconsider accepted methods of construction and design can precipitate a broader questioning of other unchallenged aspects in culture, science and society.

The conservative character of campus’ newer architecture is not due to a dearth of creativity on the part of the architects commissioned to design these buildings. Instead, it is dictated by the Campus Master Plan, which states that “the scale, shape, texture, materials and color of proposed structures and the composition of open spaces match that of older revered places.” The plan, written by Cesar Pelli and Associates in 1996, is a reaction to buildings such as RLM and Jester which detract from the

humanist spirit of campus’ older buildings.

Regarding these buildings, the plan goes on to say that “the mass of these more contemporary buildings has profoundly altered the character and human scale of the campus,” and that “architects who add new buildings to a campus have an obligation to understand and respect the character of its most exceptional parts.” Though many of campus’ most derided buildings are “contemporary,” it would be a mistake to equate bad architecture with contemporary architecture.

In December 1998, the University hired Swiss architecture firm Herzog and de Meuron to design a building for the Blanton Museum of Art. The architects proposed a pair of rectangular limestone buildings stretching east to west under an undulating green roof. The orientation and dimensions of the buildings were derived from campus’ older buildings, which were designed to respond to the particular climatic conditions of Austin before the advent of air conditioning.

Although the building did not look like anything else on campus, its design DNA was derived from well-established local architectural traditions.

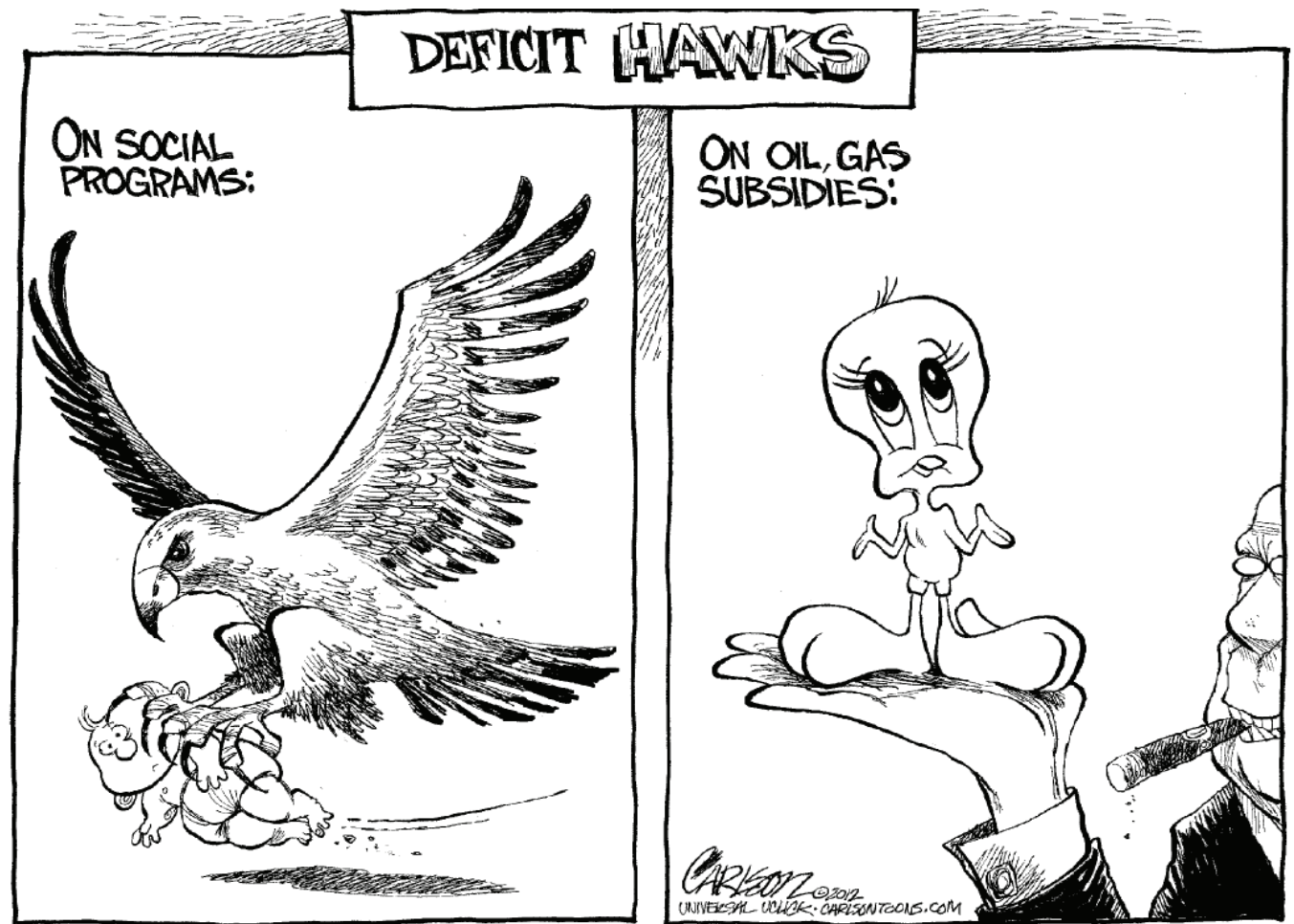
After an unsuccessful presentation to the Board of Regents, the green roof was changed to a red tile roof in order to connect the building to the campus’ existing architectural character in a more visible way. However, this change failed to satisfy the Board, and after a series of further disagreements and snafus, Herzog and de Meuron quit the project. While UT proceeded to construct a lackluster, historicist museum

complex, Herzog and de Meuron moved on to design landmarks including the Beijing Olympic Stadium and the deYoung Museum in San Francisco. They were then awarded the prestigious Pritzker Prize for architecture in 2001.

The importance of the Blanton episode is not that UT missed out on the opportunity to acquire a star architect-designed showpiece. Instead, the situation is meaningful because it established a precedent that future buildings on campus would conform to a narrow interpretation of the goals established in the Campus Master Plan. Herzog and de Meuron’s Blanton proposal demonstrated a far deeper understanding and respect for campus’ “most exceptional parts” than the building we have today. Yet because of an unwillingness to accept a different interpretation of campus’ architectural character and an unwillingness to change their own aesthetic prejudices, the Board of Regents deprived students of the opportunity to appreciate the built environment in a deep, profound way.

A university campus serves as a safe place to challenge accepted ways of thinking. In classrooms and laboratories, students and faculty are encouraged to push boundaries and change the world. In order to reinforce and facilitate this belief in positive change, buildings and outdoor spaces around campus should also challenge accepted ways of understanding the built environment. If we are truly intent on changing the world, then we must create an environment that welcomes change on campus.

Finke is an architecture and urban studies senior.



# Increasing diversity in the media



By Melissa Macaya  
Daily Texan Columnist

The Trayvon Martin editorial cartoon published in The Daily Texan last week and the nationwide outcry its publication sparked highlights a persistent crisis in newsrooms around the nation — a lack of diversity in the media. The cartoon serves as a tangible example of the importance of fostering an inclusive news staff that is representative of the diverse voices of its audience. Most importantly, this situation stands as an opportunity for instituting long-lasting change at The Texan.

The Texan holds the tremendous responsibility of informing and representing the University community. As a conveyer of information on a daily basis, the publication can transmit both positive and negative messages. If The Texan does not mirror the population it serves, then it fails at providing intellectual tools for the University body to function.

Minorities have historically held few decision-making roles in media, and this has translated into limited coverage of minority communities. The American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) conducts an annual staff census in the hopes of helping newspapers better reflect diversity. This is the third consecutive year that the percentage of African-American, Asian, Latino and Native American journalists has declined in U.S. newsrooms.

According to 2010 and 2011 ASNE data, minorities represent 13 percent of employment in daily newspapers. Minorities made up 11 percent of supervisors while the remaining 89 percent were white. Whites made up 86 percent of all reporters; 14 percent were minorities. Additionally, 441 newspapers responding to the ASNE census had no minorities on their full-time staff. If these national trends are any indication of the diversity inside The Texan’s newsroom, then the situation there needs improvement.

Currently, minority students do not adequately see themselves reflected in the pages of The Texan. Although significantly smaller in number, minorities make up a big chunk of The Daily Texan’s

audience. The minority student breakdown at UT is as follows: Hispanics, 17.6 percent; Asian-Americans, 15.1 percent; African-American, 4.2 percent; American Indian 0.3 percent. Neglecting this considerable population in The Texan’s coverage is detrimental to the intellectual growth and diversity of the University.

I analyzed the coverage of The Texan for three months, as part of a Mass Media and Minorities class in the journalism department in fall 2010. While many of its stories were informative, its UT minority coverage was very limited. Out of 579 stories in the news section, 277 were UT related. Of this total, only nine stories — 3 percent of the total — dealt with UT minority issues. These stories, except for two, were placed on the front page. I observed three main patterns in the coverage of these stories: a failure to contextualize a minority issue, a failure to include representative sources and a failure to localize a minority issue.

The Texan must use the publication of the Trayvon Martin cartoon as an opportunity to evaluate itself. The Texan needs to create a collaborative body that establishes concrete steps toward improvement in the publication’s coverage. It can begin by working with the UT’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement. With approximately 50 programs, projects and initiatives and more than 300 staff members, it is one of the largest and most far-reaching divisions of diversity in the nation.

The Texan must also recruit diverse staff members and reach out to the University’s ethnic studies institutions to gather news coverage sources and story ideas. Most importantly, the publication must also incorporate a “reporting about minority communities” class into its yearly staff training. These steps will help begin the journey toward a news environment that is both racially and intellectually diverse.

The diversification of the news media can and must begin on our campus. It is my hope that out of this unfortunate situation, a new wave of accurate, balanced and inclusive coverage of minority communities will grace the pages of The Texan in the future.

Macaya is a journalism and Latin American studies senior.





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Ilya Yashin, 29-year-old leader in the People's Freedom Party and the Solidarnost movement in Russia, delivered a talk titled, "Protesting Power: The 2012 Russian Elections and the Legitimacy of the Putin Government," Monday evening.

# Yashin sheds light on Russian election

By Samuel Liebl  
Daily Texan Staff

A month ago, crowds flooded Moscow's city squares to protest the controversial re-election of Vladimir Putin as Russia's president. On Monday, the University hosted a key figure in the protest movement that has shaken Russia to its core.

Ilya Yashin, a 29-year-old leader in the People's Freedom Party and the Solidarnost movement, delivered a talk titled, "Protesting Power: The 2012 Russian Elections and the Legitimacy of the Putin Government." Thomas Garza, associate professor in the Department for Slavic and Eurasian Studies, hosted the talk.

Speaking through an interpreter throughout the event, Yashin said the purpose of his speech was to give this audience a fair portrayal of what is happening in Russia and what the goals of the opposition movement are. "I really hope that citizens in the

U.S. and around the world will have their own understanding of what's going on in Russia, not just what's spread by Putin's propaganda machine," Yashin said.

Yashin said Russia is in a political crisis and that a return to the authoritarian status quo is not possible. Russians knew that elections were falsified prior to Putin's recent victory, but the rise of a young middle-class and Internet-savvy civil society has led to an unprecedented popular protest movement, Yashin said.

"We have a new generation of Russians, those younger than me, the Facebook generation," he said. "Those young people use social media to not only meet girls and boys but also as a source of information and self organization. It's exactly those people who came out into the streets to protest elections."

Using the Internet, that same young urban population has raised

awareness about the extent of corruption in Russian society, Yashin said.

"The awareness of this corruption has shocked the Russian middle class," he said.

Yashin said Putin's regime is misconstruing the opposition movement as destructive and revolutionary.

"We're often accused of being revolutionary, but we're not," Yashin said. "The dialogue between the government and the opposition goes like this: The opposition says we want elections, free speech and for our laws to work. The government says that we are CIA agents who are trying to destabilize the country. It's absurd that any attempt to establish laws or make sure they're enforced is called revolutionary."

Garza, who studies Russian culture, said Yashin embodies a rejection of the cynicism that has long dominated Russian political culture.

"Previously, there has been apa-

thy among Russia's youth," Garza said. "They thought: Putin's going to win, so why bother voting? Yashin and Solidarnost are the exact opposite. The last thing they want to do is be apathetic. They think that if they raise the flag and get excited, that will lead to change."

In his pursuit of change, Yashin has been arrested three times and was most recently taken into police custody two weeks ago, Garza said.

Garza said he has been trying to bring Yashin to UT for 10 years. Plan II senior Victoria Hopper has also been eagerly awaiting the young politician's visit.

"As a charismatic advocate for democracy in Russia, Ilya Yashin is a very important figure in Russian politics today," Hopper said. "Political dissent is not an easy pursuit in Russia."

# Area toll roads see speed limit increase

By David Leffler  
Daily Texan Staff

Drivers in Austin can now more easily satisfy their need for speed with a 5 mph increase to the speed limit on toll roads outside the city.

The Texas Department of Transportation implemented a speed limit increase on toll roads state Highway 45 and state Highway 130 from 75 mph to 80 mph. State Highway 130 travels north to south from Georgetown to Mustang Ridge, and state Highway 45 connects U.S. Highway 183 to Interstate Highway 35 while traveling east to west.

John Hurt, public affairs officer for the Texas Department of Transportation, said toll roads are built to accommodate cars moving at high speeds.

"These roads were designed for traffic traveling at this speed," Hurt said. "The site distance and distance between exits are spread out to allow rapid transportation while ensuring people are driving under safe conditions."

Hurt said this speed limit increase makes the toll roads a more viable option for drivers looking to avoid traffic, even if they do not offer a direct route to some destinations.

"Toll roads can provide a faster drive than a busy Interstate Highway 35, even though they may be a longer drive in terms of distance traveled," Hurt said. "They present an alternative to congestion caused by peak-time traffic or accidents. These roads are designed to provide a safe and efficient passage for drivers."

Hurt said it is paramount that people driving on the toll roads are focused on the road and not their electronics.

"It's never a good idea to be texting no matter what speed you are traveling at, much less at 80 miles

an hour," he said. "The risk you run is a hefty one. The distance and reaction time between you and another object or vehicle is decreased at high speeds, so the dangers of using your phone while driving are much greater."

Jack Cramer, anthropology junior and member of Autoholics of Texas, said he and other Autoholics are pleased with the increase. However, Cramer also acknowledged that increased speeds can be costly and dangerous.

"It is a double-edged sword. Yes, you can get places faster, which is the goal of the increase," Cramer said. "However, higher speeds means decreased fuel efficiency, and in the case of an accident, higher speeds have proven to be more dangerous."

Cramer said people must be attentive when driving at such high speeds, especially students and young people who are on their phones while behind the wheel.

"Texting or talking and driving is an unsafe practice, although many of us think we are just fine doing so," he said. "If someone in front of you slams on their brakes and you are looking down, bad things can happen."

Sofia Uchoa, international relations and global studies sophomore, said the speed increase will allow her to travel home more quickly.

"I was really excited when I found out," Uchoa said. "The first thing I did was tell my friend because we always have to drive home on the weekends to see our families. I'm ecstatic because it's going to be a quicker, shorter drive, which means less time on the road."

Uchoa said she does not see the higher speeds creating a significant potential for more accidents.

"I don't think it will be much worse than people going 75 miles an hour," she said. "It won't change much in terms of driving hazards."

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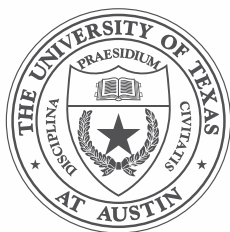
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**Vice President for Student Affairs, University of Texas at San Antonio**  
Tuesday, April 24th, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
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Juan Gonzalez, New York Daily News columnist and co-host of “Democracy Now!,” a national independent news program, discussed his book “News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media,” on Monday at the Communications Center Building.

# Author: media misrepresents minorities

By Sylvia Butanda  
Daily Texan Staff

The history of portraying members of minorities in colonial America from the perspective of the upper-class white culture has stuck with the media through the past four centuries, said investigative journalist and author Juan Gonzalez.

Gonzalez, New York Daily News columnist, and co-host of the national independent news program, “Democracy Now!,” discussed his book, co-authored with journalist Joe Torres, “News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media,” on Monday.

Gonzalez discussed the forces at play that created the current media system, which is filled with so much content and little knowledge, and does not represent minorities well.

“The American people continue to have less and less confidence in news that they receive, and this is especially true among people of color who feel assaulted on an almost daily basis by the industry,” Gonzalez said. “They

feel marginalized, misrepresented, their lives distorted and their contributions ignored.”

Gonzalez said that race has been a subject of the American press since colonial times and with the first newspapers in the country, and it has returned to the media spotlight with the coverage of the Trayvon Martin case.

“The Trayvon Martin tragedy has reignited the discussion all around the country, and one of the things that commercial media had propagated after the Obama election was that we were now a post-racial America, which is far-fetched and lucid,” Gonzalez said. “We have a long way to go in terms of being able to have more understanding about racial issues in the country, and having that in the American press was not the end-all-and-be-all of racial conflict in America.”

Associate journalism professor Maggie Rodriguez said she hopes people will start to consider the news media in a different way.

“The book that [Gonzalez] wrote turns a lot of what’s in the traditional

journalism textbooks on its ear,” Rodriguez said. “Those of us who think we know a little bit about journalism history, we don’t know that much.”

Gonzalez discussed minority journalists throughout American history who have challenged racial aspects of the dominantly white media.

“All of the first generation of African-American and Latino news reporters came about as a result of this enormous pressure by local communities and by court decisions and government policy decisions that forced the media companies to become more diverse,” Gonzalez said.

Government junior Alma Buena said it was important that he discussed the minority reporters in history, who were a part of the development of the media.

“He didn’t cover only African-American and Latino newspapers, but he went as far as talking about the Cherokee reporters and indigenous people who often are overseen,” Buena said. “It was important that he gave a voice to them.”

# North American leaders discuss trade

By Mark S. Smith  
The Associated Press

President Barack Obama and the leaders of Canada and Mexico vowed a new effort Monday to boost North American trade — and cut needless regulation that stifles it — in a summit that aimed to shore up a fragile economic recovery.

After a one-day summit with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Obama said the United States has trimmed outdated and burdensome rules in talks with both its neighbors.

“Our three nations are going to sit down together, go through the books and simplify and eliminate more regulations that will make our joint economies stronger,” he said.

Obama noted trade among the three neighbors now tops \$1 trillion a year, and he wants to see that number rise. “This is going to help create jobs,” he said.

“Our three nations are going to sit down together, go through the books and simplify and eliminate more regulations...”

— President Barack Obama

The summit ranged broadly across issues of energy and climate change, immigration and the war on drugs.

But notable by its absence from a post-summit news conference in the Rose Garden was the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada’s oil sands in Alberta to the U.S. Gulf of Mexico. Obama shelved the plan pending further review, and has endured ferocious GOP attacks ever since, with Republicans calling the move a blow to job creation and U.S. energy needs. He maintains GOP leaders in Congress forced his hand by insisting on a decision before an acceptable pipeline route was found.

Harper has voiced disappointment with Obama’s decision. He also visited China in February to explore alternatives. Canada has the world’s third-largest oil reserves after Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

Obama, Harper and Calderon will see each other later this month at the Summit of the Americas in Cartagena, Colombia. They’re also well-known to each other from international gatherings, but are headed in different electoral directions.

While Obama faces a tough re-election battle for the next



In this Aug. 10, 2009, file photo, President Barack Obama, right, Mexico’s President Felipe Calderon, center, and Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper attend a North American summit in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Alex Brandon  
Associated Press

seven months, Calderon is term-limited. The battle to succeed him formally kicked off last week and will culminate with Mexican elections July 1. The main issue is the deadly war that his government has waged with drug cartels, which has claimed an

estimated 47,000 lives.

By contrast, Harper, who has led Canada since 2006, appears secure in his job, having led his Conservatives from minority status to a majority in Parliament in elections last May. He doesn’t have to face voters again for

four years.

Another reason Obama might envy Harper: Thanks to that majority, the budget Harper’s government introduced last week should pass easily, including its budget cuts designed to eliminate Canada’s deficit by 2015.





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# Kentucky holds off Kansas to capture title

By Eddie Pells  
The Associated Press

No matter where Anthony Davis and his buddies go to make their millions, their ol' Kentucky home will long remember this championship season.

The Wildcats hit the jackpot with their lottery picks Monday night, ignoring Davis' bad shooting night and parlaying a roster full of NBA talent into a 67-59 victory over Kansas for the team's eighth national title — and its first since 1998.

The one-and-doners did it in a wire-to-wire victory — a little dicey at the end — to cap a season in which anything less than bringing a title back to the Bluegrass State would have been a downer. They led coach John Calipari to his first title in four trips to the Final Four with three different schools.

Doron Lamb, a sophomore with first-round-draft-pick possibilities, led the Wildcats (38-2) with 22 points, including back-to-back 3-pointers that put them up by 16 with 10 minutes left.

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Kansas' Thomas Robinson and Kentucky's Anthony Davis fight for a loose ball in Monday's national championship game. Davis, the Naismith Player of the Year, scored six points, grabbed 16 rebounds, and had six blocks. Robinson 18 points and snagged 17 rebounds.

Bill Haber  
Associated Press

## Freshmen turning pro leads to a big problem

By Austin Laymance  
Daily Texan Columnist

There's a growing debate in college basketball about what to do with so-called "one-and-done" players — those select few athletes who leave college after one season for a big payday in the NBA.

The Kentucky Wildcats won the NCAA Championship Monday night with a team loaded with "one-and-done" players, beating Kansas 67-59. UK freshmen Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Anthony Davis and Marcus Teague will likely be first-round picks in June's NBA Draft.

Some argue it's a problem that degrades the quality of play in the NCAA. Others believe it's unethical to prohibit young men from pursuing a professional career.

The issue's roots trace back to 2006: the year the NBA established a new age limit for the draft. Players who completed athletic eligibility at a U.S. high school could not declare for the draft unless they turned 19 years old in the same year as the draft and were at least one year removed from graduating high school.

This rule barred teenagers from bypassing college for the NBA. Since then, college coaches have recruited players that plan exclusively to play one year in



David J. Phillip | Associated Press  
Kentucky celebrates its win over Kansas in the national title game Monday. Three of the five Wildcats' starters were freshmen.

the NCAA before going pro.

Texas coach Rick Barnes brought in four "one-and-done" players since the rule change, including Kevin Durant in 2006, Avery Bradley in 2009 and Tristan Thompson and Corey Joseph in 2010. All four were first-round picks.

This June, several college freshmen will hear their names called at the NBA Draft. It's an issue that's not going away.

And NCAA President Mark Emmert is not happy with it.

"I happen to dislike the one-and-done rule enormously and wish it

didn't exist," said Emmert during a CBS broadcast on March 25. "I think it forces young men to go to college that have little or no interest in going to college."

The NCAA makes millions of dollars in revenue each year from college basketball, so it's no surprise Emmert wants to get free labor as long as possible (student-athletes aren't paid).

NBA Commissioner David Stern responded on March 27 to Emmert's comments.

"A college could always not have players who are one and done," Stern told reporters. "They could actually require the players to go to classes. Or they could get the players to agree that they stay in school, and ask for the scholarship money back if they didn't fulfill their promise. There's all kinds of things that, if a bunch of people got together and really wanted to do it, instead of talk about it."

Athletes can still bypass college and

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

J'Covan Brown, making a pass in Texas' NCAA Tournament loss to Cincinnati last month, led the Big 12 with 20.1 points per game last season. He is foregoing his final year at Texas to enter the NBA Draft.



Lawrence Peart  
Daily Texan file photo

## Horns leading scorer skipping senior season

By Sameer Bhuchar  
Daily Texan Staff

It's official. J'Covan Brown will forgo his senior year and enter the 2012 NBA Draft.

"There were a lot of reasons to come back to school next year, most importantly getting my degree and being around my teammates every day," said Brown in a statement released by the University. "But the time has come for me to pursue a career in professional basketball and

take care of my daughter, Jordyn. This has been a difficult decision, but it is the best decision for myself and my family."

The Daily Texan first reported that a source confirmed the junior star would enter the NBA in late March, but at the time Brown maintained that it was all speculation. He officially gave word yesterday and Texas head coach Rick Barnes recognizes the team leader's

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Aston likely to be named coach today as regents authorize hire

By Stefan Scrafield  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are on the brink of signing their next head coach.

After the University of Texas System Board of Regents authorized the hiring of a new women's basketball coach, school officials have scheduled a Tuesday morning press conference to introduce the new head coach.

The regents granted both President William Powers Jr. and women's athletic director Chris Plonsky the authority to execute a contract.

Although a replacement has yet to be officially named, it appears as if North Texas' Karen Aston will be next to lead the Longhorns.

Aston, 47, visited the 40 Acres last week to interview with Pow-

ers and school officials, and Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey told the Austin-American Statesman this weekend that Aston had text messaged her saying that she would be taking the job at Texas.

Aston spent eight years with the Longhorns as an assistant under Hall of Fame head coach Jody Conradt. Aston was the recruiting coordinator for much of her first stint at Texas, a tenure that included seven trips to the NCAA tournament and a Final Four appearance in 2003.

After leaving Texas, Aston spent a year as Mulkey's associate head coach at Baylor before starting her head-coaching career at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She spent four years with the 49ers before resigning and eventually taking the job at North Tex-



Former Texas assistant Karen Aston, the head coach at North Texas last year, may be introduced as the Longhorns' head women's basketball coach after the UT System Board of Regents authorized Texas women's athletic director Chris Plonsky and school President William Powers Jr. to make a hire.

David Minton  
Associated Press

as to be closer to her family in Arkansas. In her only year with the Mean Green, Aston was 15-16. Although her team failed to reach the .500 mark, they were a much-improved squad compared to the previous season when they won only five games.

Aston will be replacing Gail

Goestenkers, who resigned on March 20 after five seasons with the Longhorns. After failing to advance past the first round of the NCAA tournament in each of the last four years, Goestenkers said she was "tired" and needed a break from the game of basketball.

## One victory from 40-0, Baylor eyes national title

By Nick Cremona  
Daily Texan Staff

Only two teams in women's college basketball history have made it to the national championship game in back-to-back seasons and lost.

Tonight, Notre Dame could become the third team to suffer a similar fate when it faces undefeated Baylor.

Tennessee did it first in the 1980 and 1981 seasons, and most recently Auburn reached the national championship three straight years in 1988-1990 and lost each time. Sure it's elite company, but it's not exactly what a

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"Wanna thank all my Longhorn fans for everything but it's time 2 move on with my life and basketball career."

LONGHORNS IN THE NBA

Kevin Durant

-21 points  
-8 rebounds

THUNDER

LaMarcus Aldridge

- 27 points  
- 7 rebounds

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

**Texas women's swimming coach steps down after six seasons**

After six years spent coaching women's swimming at UT, head coach Kim Brackin is parting ways with the University, the Women's Athletics Department announced today.

In her six seasons as head coach, Brackin brought the Longhorns to four top-10 finishes but no national titles despite an impressive roster of highly-recruited swimmers. This year, the team earned 20 All-America honors and seven honorable mentions and placed ninth at the NCAA Championships.

Brackin's 2010-2011 team won the Big 12 Championship title and earned sixth place at the NCAA Championships held in Austin, and was subsequently named Big 12 Conference Women's Swimming Coach of the Year.

Prior to her tenure at Texas, Brackin coached at Auburn University, where she worked with men's and women's swimmers and part of seven NCAA championships.

The hunt for a new coach will begin immediately, according to a statement released on [texassports.com](http://texassports.com).

— Rachel Thompson



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program wants to be remembered for.

After losing to Texas A&M in last year's national final, the Irish are hoping to reverse the curse.

Touting a perfect 39-0 record, Baylor hasn't had much trouble reaching the pinnacle of college basketball this year. Led by all-everything center Brittney Griner, the Bears have enjoyed success with relative ease over most of their opponents, including the Fighting Irish.

The Bears and Irish faced each other once this season back in November — the Bears emerged with a 94-81 win. In that game Griner had 32 points and 14

rebounds, but you can expect the Irish to focus more defensive attention on Griner this time around.

The Irish are a much different team than the Bears in more than one way. Whereas Baylor runs most of its sets through the hands of point guard Odyssey Sims, and in turn Griner, Notre Dame uses a more balanced attack that involves more guard play.

A lot of guard play, actually.

Notre Dame's two forwards, Devereaux Peters and Natalie Achonwa, only account for a fourth of the team's season average of 79.3 points. That means players like point guard Skylar Diggins and Natalie Novosel are looked to when the team needs a basket, or a defensive stop.

The Irish guards are very active on defense and have accu-

mulated nearly 500 steals leading up to tonight's game. Like many other smaller, defensive-minded teams, Notre Dame feeds off its defensive intensity and looks to run whenever the opportunity arises. The Irish don't have the luxury of a player like Griner, so they need to play within their means and hope their shots fall at a higher rate than the Bears if they are to stop the Bears' undefeated season.

Given the difference in styles of play between the two teams, with Baylor favoring a more post-oriented, grinding style of play and Notre Dame playing a tight, guard-heavy motion offense this game could go a couple of different ways.

Griner always has the potential to go absolutely bananas and score 40 points and grab every loose rebound in sight, effec-

tively making the lane the "Griner Zone," rather than a common area for all players to share, in the same breath the Irish are very capable of shutting her down.

Being the national championship game, the Irish will likely be a bit more inspired than they were in their first game against the Bears. If the Irish can frustrate Griner on the block with double teams and throw a few quick, bothersome guards at her in hopes of forcing turnovers, they may stand a chance to win this game. Diggins and her crew will have to be at the top of their game, and if the Irish guards can catch fire from the field they can keep the game close.

In the end, Griner and the experience of Baylor may prove to be too much for the Irish. If Griner can establish herself in the



Nati Harnik | Associated Press  
Junior Brittney Griner fights through the Georgia Tech defense during Baylor's 83-68 Sweet Sixteen victory. The AP Player of the Year is averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks per game this season.

lane it could be a long night for the Irish and they'll join Tennessee and Auburn as the only teams to go so far yet unable to close out the final game in consecutive seasons.

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difficult decision.

"We respect his decision and understand his need to provide for his daughter," Barnes said.

The 22-year-old played for three years at Texas, where he blossomed into a prolific scorer. He went from averaging 9.6 points per game in limited playing time his freshman year to scoring a conference-best 20.1 points per contest this season. He played strong defense this year, averaging 1.2 steals a game, and he's a proven slasher to the basket.

Detractors note that he shot the ball too much, naturally giving way to a lot of points, but even more misses. However, Brown was forced to carry a Longhorns team that strug-

gled to find a complementary star all year. So while he was able to notch nearly 24 points a game against top 25 teams this year, it came on 39 percent shooting. Texas exited the NCAA tournament in its first game against Cincinnati.

He has shined on big stages though. One of his most memorable performances came when then No. 11 Texas squared off against No. 2 Kansas in January 2011. Brown, a sophomore, came off the bench and played 29 minutes of inspired basketball to fuel Texas past the Big 12 bullies in the second half. He finished with 23 points on 60 percent shooting, three rebounds and greater national recognition.

"It was always a dream of mine to be a Longhorn, and I have lived that dream and became a better person," Brown said.

Despite his grit and intelligence as

a leader for Texas this year, draft analysts question Brown's size. At 6-foot-1, he is small for an NBA shooting guard, so he is a probable second-round selection. He would suit teams like the Toronto Raptors or Portland Trailblazers, who are looking for shooting guards and can afford Brown's lack of height. Both teams have early second-round picks.

Brown's departure means Texas only has a six-man roster heading into the 2012-2013 season. The Longhorns will feature a corps of sophomores and possibly top-10 prospect Cameron Ridely. The 6-foot-10 Bush High School senior, who has been verbally committed to Texas since last October, will make his official collegiate decision on April 10.

Brown, a member of the Big 12 all-academic team, plans to finish classes this spring and then resume his degree plan in the future.

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go to the NBA, though they still must wait one year from high school graduation. Milwaukee Bucks point guard Brandon Jennings played one season in Europe instead of college, then was a lottery pick in 2009.

Jennings is the exception to the rule.

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The Jayhawks (32-7), kings of the comeback all season, fought to the finish and trimmed that deficit to five with 1:37 left. But Kentucky made five free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Davis' fellow lottery prospect, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, was another headliner, creating space for himself to score all 11 of his points in the first half.

Davis, meanwhile, might have had the most dominating six-point night in the history of college basketball. He finished with 16 rebounds, six blocks, five assists and three steals — and made

Stern tried to avoid this clash years ago, but the NCAA didn't play along.

"Years ago I said to the NCAA, I've got a great idea. We'll insure a select group of basketball players. And that will make them more likely to stay in school, because they won't feel the loss of a big contract," Stern said. "We'll designate a pool and those lucky enough to be drafted and make money will pay us back, and those that don't, it's

our expense.

"The NCAA I think took it to a committee ... and they said it will only work under our rules if we do that for all sports. And I said, I don't think that'll work."

Kentucky is also the exception to the rule. Most teams loaded with talented freshman don't get far in the NCAA Tournament.

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his only field goal with 5:13 left in the game. It was a surefire illustration of how the 6-foot-10 freshman can exert his will on a game even on a rare night when the shot isn't falling.

Helps when you've got teammates like this. Davis is the likely first pick in the draft should he choose to come out, and Kidd-Gilchrist won't be far behind. Another first-round prospect, freshman Marquis Teague, had 14 points. And yet another, sophomore Terrence Jones, had nine points, seven rebounds and two of Kentucky's 11 blocked shots.

Kansas also has a lottery pick in AP All-American Thomas Robinson. But he was harassed all night by Davis and Jones and finished with 18 points and 17 rebounds on a frustrating evening nonetheless.

It's the new normal at Kentucky, where Adolph Rupp set a standard, Rick Pitino lived up to it for a while, then Calipari — hardly the buttoned-down type — was hired to bring back the glory.

The coach won't apologize for the way he recruits or how he runs his program. Just playing by the rules as they're set up, he says, even if he doesn't totally agree with them. Because he refuses to promise minutes or shots to any recruit and demands teamwork out of all of them, he says he comes by these players honestly.

He has produced nine first-round picks in the last four drafts with a few more coming. This latest group will have an NCAA title in tow and the everlasting love of a fan base that bleeds basketball.

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BASEBALL

Maitland heats up after ankle injury

By Chris Hummer  
Daily Texan Staff

After missing two games stemming from an ankle injury he suffered in the Kansas State series, Tim Maitland returned for the last two games against Cal over the weekend.

Maitland's return brought a spark and a level of toughness to the diamond for Texas. He's an excellent defender in center field and really plays the game the right way, with hustle and effort in every move.

He was also a bright spot at the plate in the team's two losses, going a combined 4-for-7 at the dish. This is a great sign for the team, as Maitland had been going through a midseason lull after a rapid start to the year that had him hitting as high as second in the Texas order.

"I just wasn't feeling comfortable in the box," Maitland said. "I talked to the coaches and worked on a lot of things by myself, and I just tried to get back into the swing of things. And right now it's feeling pretty good."

**Texas falters against Pac-12 foes**

If you ask the players, they would tell you it's their performance in conference play and chasing a Big 12 title that really matters, which is good for them because Texas is off to a 5-1 start in Big 12 play.

However, the team is struggling in nonconference play. Texas is 15-11 overall, but they are only .500 in games that don't count toward the Big 12 standings, at 10-10.

Even worse for the Longhorns, they have had difficulties at beating top-quality opponents that are considered typical baseball powers — the team is only a combined 2-7 against Stanford, Rice, Tennessee, Arkansas and Cal.

This could be problematic when it comes down to selection time for the NCAA tournament, as the Longhorns' poor performance in the non-conference games will hurt their RPI and, in turn, their seeding.

"We all know that the out-of-conference games are still big games for



Senior center fielder Tim Maitland, who sat out this past week's series opener against Cal with an ankle injury, got four hits in seven at-bats in the last two games of the series, including an eighth-inning triple in the last game of the series that brought Texas within a run of the Golden Bears.

Pu Ying Huang  
Daily Texan Staff

RPI, especially the Pac-12, which is a good baseball conference," said outfielder Mark Payton. "Stanford beat us pretty good, so we thought we needed to come back and beat another Pac-12 team in Cal, and we had our chances and just didn't come through."

**Summers struggles in field, at plate**

Brooks Marlow and Jordan Etier are penciled in at second base and shortstop every day, but even the best players need a rest every once in a

while, and that's when a solid backup middle infielder comes in handy.

Christian Summers is supposed to be that player for Texas, but he has struggled in limited action this season — he's only hitting .106 on the year with a putrid .867 fielding percentage.

On Saturday, Summers replaced Marlow in the lineup as coach Augie Garrido was looking to give him some experience in case one of the starters went down with injury. However, that decision didn't work out.

Summers struggled at the plate and made key errors in the field that cost the team runs.

"It backfired a lot [the decision to play Summers at shortstop]," Garrido said. "We hoped that he could be able to do that, so in the event of an injury to one of those two middle infielders, so we would have someone to put in there that has some experience. Obviously, it didn't work. His nerves got the best of him at the plate and on the field."

Timely hitting necessary for Texas to bounce back



By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Columnist

It's been an up-and-down season for Texas.

The Longhorns swept a double-header against Duke on the first day of the season, but lost seven of their next nine games before a stretch that saw them win 10 of 11 contests. As it stands now, Texas is 15-11 and at No. 25 in the latest Baseball America rankings, is on the brink of dropping out of the polls. A year ago, it was May 1 when the Longhorns lost their 11th game and they were ranked No. 7. In 2010, Texas did not lose 11 games until the end of the Big 12 tournament, when it was listed behind only top-ranked Virginia in Baseball America's Top 25 poll.

"We've gone to Omaha with less talent," said Longhorns head baseball coach Augie Garrido before the season began.

After losing two out of three games at the Dell Diamond in Round Rock against Cal, who went to Omaha and even beat Texas A&M in last year's College World Series, Texas needs to bounce back before it squares off against Texas Tech this Thursday when it begins a three-game series against the Red Raiders.

Against the Golden Bears, the problem was not hitting well so much as it was not hitting well when the Longhorns had runners on base, particularly when they were in scoring position.

In its one win, a 13-3 triumph in the series opener Friday, Texas was 7-for-16 (.438) at the plate with runners in scoring position and boasted a .550 on-base percentage while racking up nine RBIs and three extra-base hits, including a two-run home run from junior designated hitter Landon Steinhagen, his first of the season. But in the Longhorns' two losses against Cal, they managed only four hits in

16 at-bats, three singles and a double, along with a .381 on-base percentage with runners in scoring position.

This disparity was never more evident than in the last two innings of the final contest of the series when sophomore right fielder Mark Payton, who has reached base in each of Texas' 26 games this season, chased a first-pitch changeup and grounded out to the shortstop with senior center fielder Tim Maitland on third base with one out. Maitland was stranded there after senior shortstop Jordan Etier struck out looking in the next at-bat.

"It's really frustrating, especially since this was such a big game for us, RPI-wise," Payton said. "We hit some balls hard right at them. They got the big hit, we didn't. That's just the way the ball goes sometimes."

When the Longhorns were struggling in the beginning of the season, they didn't have many runners in scoring position to work with. Texas holds a .272 team batting average and a .371 on-base percentage for the season but during an 11-game stretch when it went 3-8, Longhorns' hitters batted just .207 and managed an on-base percentage of .303. In their other 15 contests, 12 of which have resulted in Texas victories, they've hit .306 and posted an on-base percentage of .417.

But in certain key situations this weekend, the Longhorns didn't look like a team that scored almost eight runs per game over a recent 10-game stretch.

"I didn't have a positive effect on them," Garrido said. "Every time I talked to them about anything, it went the other way. It went backwards."

Texas has proven that it can bounce back from days, and even weeks, worse than this. Eighteen of the Longhorns' last 24 regular season games, including this week's three-game series against Texas Tech beginning this Thursday, are against Big 12 opponents. So with Texas heading into the home stretch of conference play, the sooner it can bounce back, the better.



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Singer-rapper Nicki Minaj performs during a concert in Tokyo last March. Minaj's latest album, *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*, debuts today.

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album as a whole. "I am the female Weezy," states Minaj at the end of "Stupid Hoe." She has the potential to be, but fails because she sacrifices cohesiveness for creative expression. In messing with her multiple musical identities, Minaj's sopho-

more album comes off as rushed and bloated, in contrast to the smooth impression of the album's first half. *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded* will divide fans — those who grew up with Minaj during her mix-tape days, and those who prefer

the bubblegum pop queen she is now. With the rise of female rappers Iggy Azalea, Azealia Banks and Kreyshawn, Minaj will have to remain tight on her rap game while also refining her pop voice if she hopes to continue dazzling with her music.

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considered to be taboo becomes more alluring." Savage noted that the most recurring topic was concerned students who tried to edit themselves to attract a potential partner. Savage said that holding back from who you truly are in front of a person you hope to date creates a facade, which can leave you discouraged before you ever even date someone. "Among this overarching theme of how to communicate better in a relationship, there was this idea of 'at what point is it time to stop playing the game?'" Savage said. Though the topics varied, Savage felt that every university he visited shared a common curiosity for answers to reinforce the universal need to feel normal. Despite this common curiosity, Savage also mentioned that students are usually hesitant to discuss sexual topics. Savage tracked this back to the idea that being ignorant about sex is considered to be a virtue in our culture. Savage feels that when our culture discourages young adults from asking questions about sex, they are left having to figure it out on their own, which can often be confusing and make them feel vulnerable. "When people are intimidated by something, they act brave and bluff it," he said. "There's this idea that it all should just kind of happen, but we need to approach sex thoughtfully and with information." UT's health education coordinator Guli Fager is excited about the show's potential impact to remind society that college students are of-

ten neglected and forgotten in the sexual education debate. She believes that Savage's 20 years of experience as a columnist and his funny approach to sex is easy for the college audience to relate to. "I think this show is a good reminder that while sex is something to enjoy there are also really scary parts, and a show like this is an opportunity to talk openly about sexuality," Fager said. Psychology junior Holly Kerr is the president of the Longhorn Advocates for Communication, Education and Sexuality, which promotes sexual health on campus. Kerr is a reader of Savage's column and looks forward to the premiere of "Savage U." "I think in the United States, most parents shelter their children from their own sexuality," Kerr said. "With the right resources, young adults will be able to learn a lot more about their sexuality, how to be sexual safely, and how to truly enjoy it. I think this is the message that Savage is trying to get across." Savage said that he would love to see a sex-ed overhaul in the United States. He said that when sexual education promotes only abstinence, it consequently makes people's sex lives more dangerous, as they often don't realize the potential repercussions of their actions until they actually happen. The approach Savage would take instead? You'd be surprised at how he describes it. "I take a very Catholic approach to sex-ed and sex information. Anybody who reads more than two to three of my columns knows that

“Often, what’s considered to be taboo becomes more alluring.” — Dan Savage, Dating and sex columnist

at the heart of it, I tell people that you should do unto others as you would have them do to you, in every sense and consideration, to be loved and respected," Savage said. For Savage, the best information about sex and relationships stems from being honest, having integrity and telling the truth, all of which are cornerstones of the Catholic faith. "Sometimes it makes the Catholics angry when I tell them part of what inspired me to do this was being a Catholic," Savage said of his career. Savage said that the the goal of "Savage U" is to speak the same way about sex and relationships on television as he does in his column and on his podcast. Savage calls it a "reality-based" approach to sex. So will the sexpert be heading south for an episode at UT? Savage said that right now, they're waiting for the green light on season two, and hoping that colleges will be less reluctant to host the show's Q-and-As. Only time and the UT administration will tell.

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World War II and written during his early days as a struggling writer, "Basic Training" seems more reminiscent of J.D. Salinger's "Catcher in the Rye" than the typical sci-fi Vonnegut novel in both style and storyline. However, certain passages nonetheless stand out almost as foreshadowing of the eventual brilliance that Vonnegut would eventually achieve throughout his career: "At 2 a.m., Central Standard Time, as reckoned by the parlor mantle clock in the home of Brigadier General William Cooley, retired, a light beam left the burning sun. At 2:08 it glanced from the lip of a

Moon crater, and a second later died on Earth, in the staring eyes of Haley Brandon." Although it may not be the best of Vonnegut's work, "Basic Training" is still an enjoyable short story for its reasonable price tag of \$1.99 as an Amazon Kindle Single. Alongside the promise of more unpublished Vonnegut work from RosettaBooks and the recent success of other Kindle Singles (such as Margaret Atwood's "I'm Starved for You"), Vonnegut's newest release may prove that there's still a place for the short story in the modern digital marketplace.

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or radio friendly as those who currently dominate the EDM airwaves such as Avicii, Skrillex and Steve Aoki. For one thing, van Dyk's got a lot more substance; packed with 15 songs, *Evolution* has many moods, maintaining an atmosphere of serenity that grows with each track, the momentum building to an euphoric high by the end of it all. It's refreshing to see that van Dyk has not given into the pressures of what is currently popular in EDM: no wub-wub-wub robot sex sounds, just elegantly polished,

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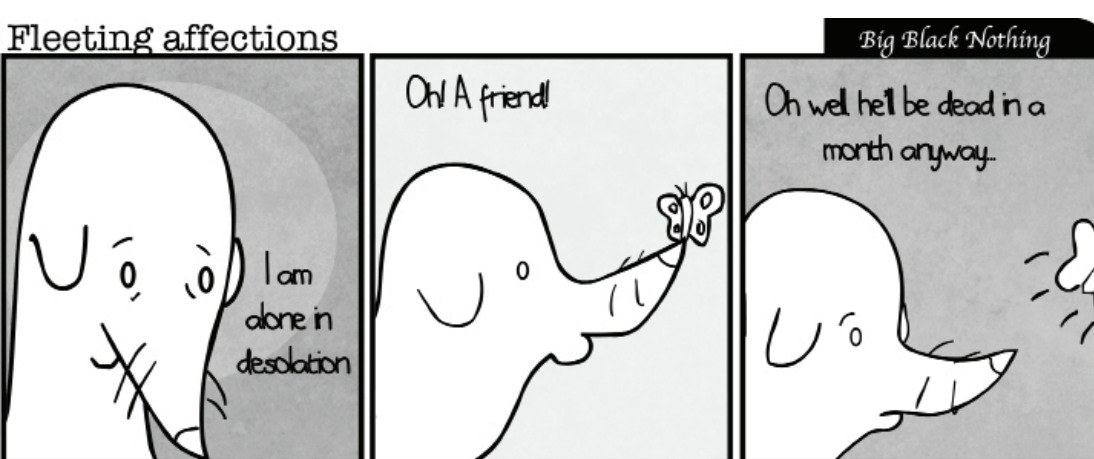
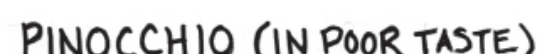
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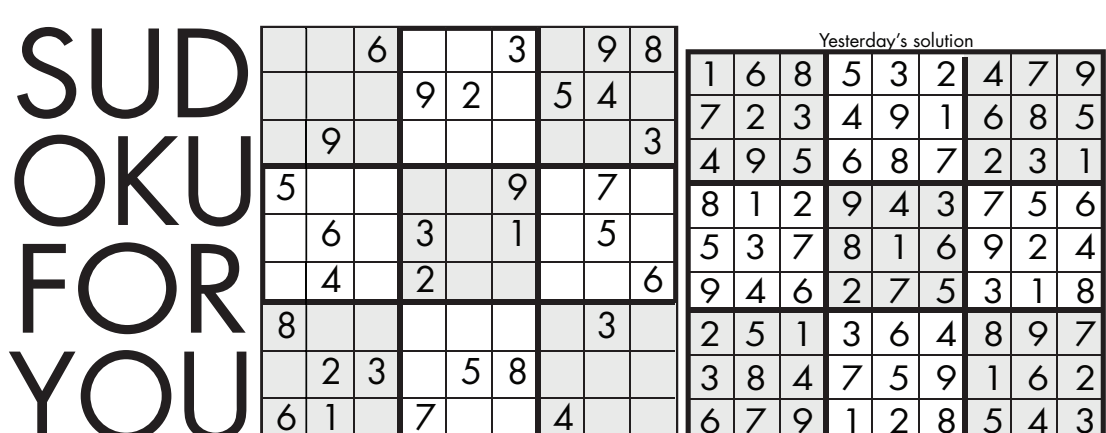
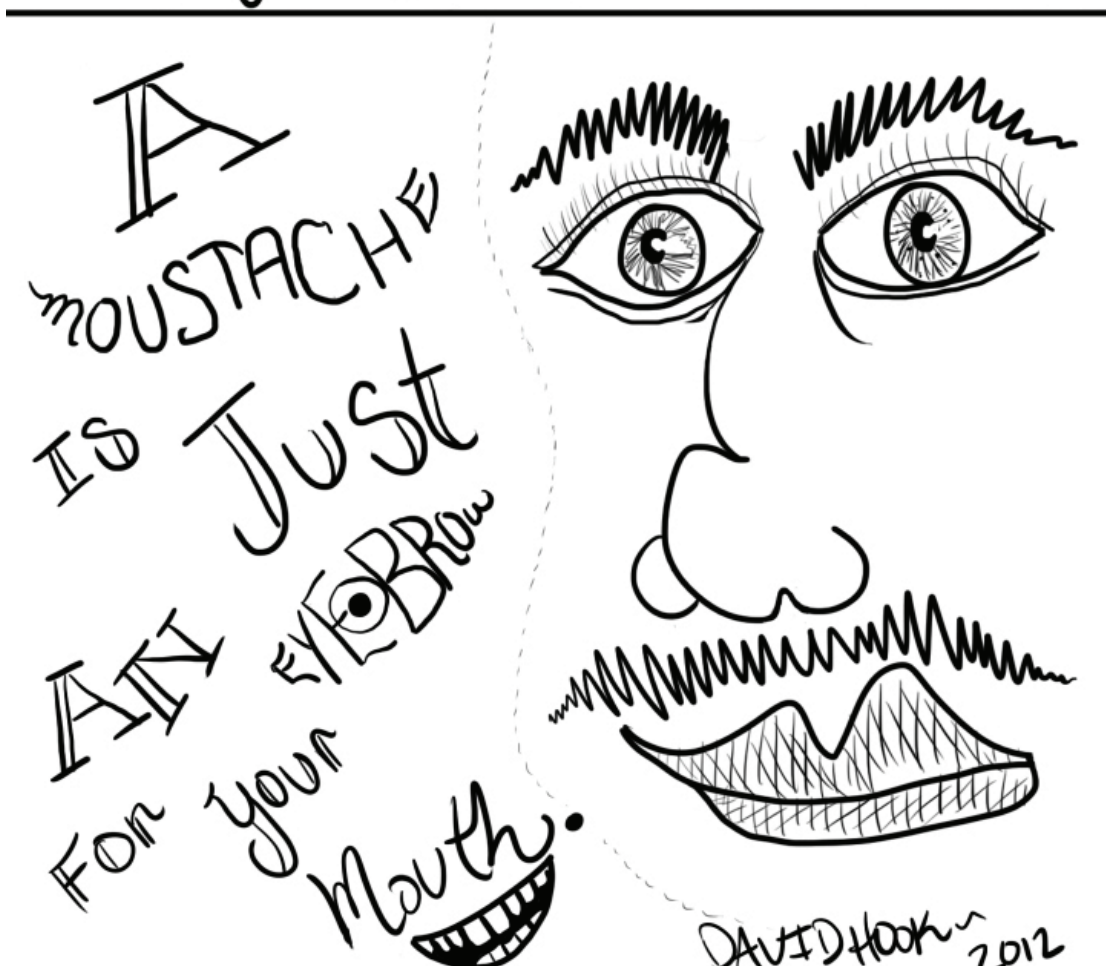




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## Nicki Reloaded

By Elijah Watson  
Daily Texan Staff

Did anyone think pop-rap songstress Nicki Minaj would fully turn away from her erratic persona? As soon as we all witnessed her baffling performance during this year's Grammys, it became apparent that Minaj was back, and crazier than ever. Now, the artist returns with her latest release, *Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded*, enlisting the help of her demonic alter ego, Roman Zolanski.

Roman Zolanski, Minaj's frighteningly comical alternate persona, first introduced himself on the 2010 hit single, "Roman's Revenge." Assertive and undeniably raunchy, listeners could imagine

Roman booty bouncing with Big Freedia, followed by a night of catfight back-alley brawls with rapper Mickey Avalon as an accomplice. Although Minaj's "gay twin brother" would remain dormant after the release of her first full-length debut, *Pink Friday*, Roman dominates the first half of her sophomore album.

"Come on a Cone" is erratic and filthy, but in all the right ways. "And I'm not masturbating, but I'm feeling myself," shamelessly boasts Minaj. The rapper breaks barriers; using Roman as a filter, Minaj is able to be as impulsive and ferocious as she wants to be, competing against both male and female counterparts for the title of hip-hop royalty. Seriously,

only Minaj could make something so appalling such as, "Dick in your face / Put my dick in your face," into what will probably become one of the year's most memorable lines, if not a trending topic on Twitter.

Roman's unpredictable presence in the first half of the album works in Minaj's favor; she uses her eccentricity to its fullest extent, resulting in declarations that would leave the foulest of rappers disgusted. It's just over-the-top sexual hilarity, reminiscent of Khia's "My Neck, My Back (Lick It)," or Missy Elliott's "Work It."

After the ninth song, though, the album veers off into a whole new direction. One moment you're in hip-hop diva land; the next, it's

an electronic dance extravaganza, and after a few minutes of the latter, you will quickly want to return to the former. "Starships" is just bad; it tries hard to be this year's "California Gurls," but fails miserably. It feels awkward toward the end of the album; in between lackluster club-bangers like "Starships" and "Beautiful Sinner," you have ballads such as "Marylyn Monroe" and "Young Forever," which are so misplaced and irrelevant that they take away from the

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Raquel Breternitz  
Daily Texan Staff



### Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded

Nicki Minaj

GENRE: Hip-hop,  
electropop

FOR FANS OF: Lil Wayne

# Grammy winning DJ releases unique album

By Elijah Watson  
Daily Texan Staff

German Grammy Award-winning DJ Paul van Dyk has been a crucial component of electronic dance music's rise to the mainstream. Whether it be collaborating with Talking Heads frontman David Byrne or creating hit singles like "For an Angel" or "The Other Side," the artist has been relatively quiet since his 2007 album, *In Between*, he has finally returned with his latest release, *Evolution*.

*Evolution* truly is an evolution; having started off as a trance artist, van Dyk's music has always favored atmosphere over a hard-

hitting buildup. His arrangements have an orchestrality to them — one moment there are syncopated, jubilant synths ascending over thumping bass; the next, complete silence, tension growing in anticipation of van Dyk's next move.

Take album opener "Symmetries." The arena-sized piano melody in the intro hits like a Coldplay anthem, before diving into upbeat spurts of percussion and bubbly synths. "Symmetries" shows van Dyk's relevance in a genre that has recently been dominated by the acceptance of more hard-hitting subgenres like dubstep. Its dynamic energy offers satisfying melodies and buildups without having to rely on a bass drop bridge. Just like his contemporaries, van Dyk can hold his own, creating pulse-pounding tracks that shine

with bravado.

Another component of van Dyk's music is his incorporation of song lyrics. He allows his lyrics to play a main part of his tracks, rather than act as an accompaniment. Staples of most EDM hits are the leave-my-love-on-the-dance-floor lyrics; unlike other artists, van Dyk makes the lyrics the star of the show.

"When I lift off / When both my feet leave the ground / Will you be there where the skyline ends," sings Owl City vocalist Adam Young on "Eternity." It's both sad and good, utilizing upbeat sounds to veil a tale of love at risk.

There's a reason why van Dyk has yet to be imitated — his sound isn't as straight to the point

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### Evolution

Paul van Dyk

GENRE: Dance, Trance

FOR FANS OF: Paul  
Oakenfold



DJ Paul van Dyke recently released album "Evolution," which has an atmosphere of serenity. Van Dyk creates buildups without the bass drops found in dubstep, which currently dominates the electronic dance music genre.

Syndicated dating and sex columnist Dan Savage's new show, "Savage U," visits 12 college campuses to answer students' questions about sex and relationships. The show premieres on MTV U tonight at 10 p.m.

# Dan Savage offers sex advice on MTV U

By Anjli Mehta  
Daily Texan Staff

Tonight, syndicated dating columnist Dan Savage of the Savage Love column and podcast will premiere his new show, "Savage U," on MTV U. The series brings Savage's notorious wit to various college campuses to answer questions and address concerns on the sex and relationship lives of students.

The show features question-and-answer panels by Savage and his producer and co-host Lauren Hutchinson conducting one-on-one talk sessions with students looking to find answers to their relationship and sexual concerns. Each episode devotes itself to one campus, including Auburn University, University of Maryland and Texas Tech University (sorry, no UT yet).

Savage brought Hutchinson as a co-host on the show not only to monitor his rambling-prone mouth, but also to challenge him and provide another opinion to the show.



Photo courtesy of MTV

Savage, who attended University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in the '80s, was openly gay in college and admitted that his dating options were pretty limited to a gay bar near campus.

Hutchinson, who attended Boston University, said she had an interesting experience because she considered her university a city school with a concrete campus that made it difficult to meet people. As a result, she witnessed a lot of her peers resorting to the "hooking up" style of dating, where many of the people she knew in relationships met only after hooking up that first night.

Both the hosts agreed that as they traveled through the country, the willingness of students to discuss a diverse array of sexual topics varied from region to region.

"At Cornell, for example, we got 'varsity level' questions like 'How do I tie someone up the right way?' or 'What's the right way to go about having a threesome?'" Savage said. "But then we'd go to other places that were more 'junior varsity,' like

### "Savage U"

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'How do I approach a girl?' or 'How do I get a boyfriend?'

Other taboo or "varsity level" topics that were addressed on camera? Just the usual female ejaculation, anal sex and bondage, of course. But you won't catch Savage referring to these topics as taboo.

"The word 'taboo' speaks to some hang-up, and however off the wall your fantasies may seem to someone who doesn't share them, it's fine so long as you pursue them with someone who enjoys them," he said. "Often, what's

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# Vonnegut printed posthumously

By Rainy Schermerhorn  
Daily Texan Staff

"Basic Training," a short, 22,000-word novella released through Amazon's Kindle Singles program, is the newest posthumous release by acclaimed novelist Kurt Vonnegut. Although known primarily for his satire and science fiction work, "Basic Training" is more of a coming-of-age story than anything else. Considering that it was written at the start of his career, this genre is perhaps the most appropriate for his promising beginnings and eventual success.

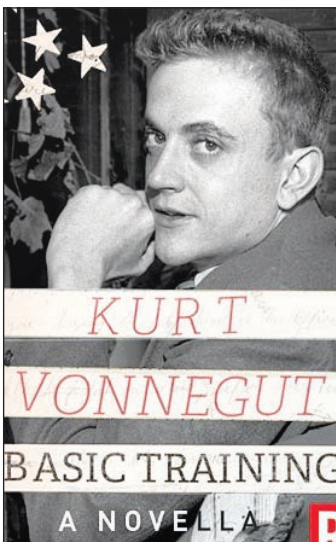
The previously unpublished novella was rejected by popular short story publishers of the time, including the Saturday Evening Post and McCall's, before Vonnegut achieved mainstream success. Marketed by e-publisher RosettaBooks as a novella focusing on "the improbability of existence and the meaning of heroism," "Basic Training" tells the story of Haley Brandon, a teenage boy who moves from New York to the farm of his retired military general uncle after the death of his parents.

"You're evidently going to have to learn the hard way that your

happiness for the rest of your lives depends on how well you fit yourselves into other people's plans, not vice versa," warns Haley's uncle, "And on how willing you are to submit to the judgment of someone who knows more than you do."

It's with this rigidity in mind that the story's central conflict arises between Haley's previous lifestyle as a budding musician and the rigorous work required by Ardennes Farm.

However, "Basic Training" never quite captures the humanistic feeling of Vonnegut's more memorable works — which is perhaps appropriate, considering it was originally submitted under his early pseudonym of Mark Harvey. There are certainly elements of Vonnegut's satirical prowess within the short narrative, but these elements remain subdued subtleties rather than the more transparent brilliance displayed in later titles such as "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "Breakfast of Champions." The formulaic storytelling almost borders on cliché at times, and lacks the punch that Vonnegut is typically able to deliver, even in the most simplistic of phrases. As one of his earliest short stories, it's clear that he's



### "Basic Training" Kurt Vonnegut

GENRE: Fiction

FOR FANS OF: J.D.

Salinger, Ray Bradbury

still developing his voice and skill for delivering social satire.

Inspired by his own experiences following his return from

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Tallhart stopped in Austin this past weekend in support of Easley on their "Deep Space" tour. The Florida-based indie rockers band dropped by the Daily Texan basement offices to talk about their new EP and their recent signing to Equal Vision Records, as well as to perform a few songs from their debut album and upcoming EP.

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